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In re Application of :
MERRIL et al :
Serial No. 08/879,139 :
Filed: June 19,1997 :
For: ANTIBACTERIL THERAPY WITH :
BACTERIOPHAGE GENOTYPICALLY :
MODIFIED TO DELAY :
INACTIVATION BY THE HOST :
DEFENSE SYSTEM :

This is a decision on the petition, filed June 22, 1999, to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181.

On October 2, 1998, an Office action was mailed to applicants, rejecting claims 31-40, all the claims in the application. On June 24, 1999, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed which indicated that the application was abandoned for failing to timely file a proper response to the office action mailed on October 2, 1998. On June 22, 1999, the present petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment was filed. The petition asserted that the Office action mailed on October 2, 1998 was never received.

The petition of June 24, 1999 provides the evidence required by 1156 O.G. 53 in support of the allegation of nonreceipt of the Office action in question. Accordingly, the petition is granted. The application has been returned to pending status and the Office action mailed on October 2, 1998 is being re-mailed herewith, with a response date to expire three (3) months from the date of this decision.

PETITION GRANTED.

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